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President Wertz Now Bishop Wertz

Dr. D. Frederick Wertz, President of Lycoming College since 1955, was elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 25, 1968. The service of consecration was held Saturday, July 27. Dr. Wertz has been assigned as resident bishop of the West Virginia Area.

The balloting for the two vacancies in the college of bishops took place at the Eighth Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church which met on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia. President Wertz was elected on the 6th ballot when he received 255 votes. Upon a recommendation by the Committee on Episcopacy it was the decision of the Conference to require the vote necessary for election by three-fifths of those present and voting. The number of votes necessary to elect on the 6th ballot was 249.

The Jurisdictional Conference was attended by 444 delegates, half ministerial and half lay, from 19 conferences of the former Methodist Church and 6 conferences of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Conference also elected a second bishop, the Rev. Dr. Roy Nichols, who has been assigned to the Pittsburgh Area.

President Wertz was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, on October 5, 1916. He received the A.B. degree from Dickinson College in 1937, the M.A. from Boston University, Graduate School in 1939, the S.T.B. from Boston University, School of Theology in 1940 and the Doctor of Laws degree from Dickinson College in 1956.

During his years as president, Lycoming College passed through its greatest period of growth thus far. Student enrollment more than doubled; 13 new buildings were built, and the College enlarged its property from 12 to 32 acres.

It is expected that the president of the Board of Directors of Lycoming College, Mr. Fred A. Pennington, will appoint a special committee of the board for the purpose of finding a successor to Dr. Wertz. They will likely operate in conjunction with other committees representing faculty and alumni. Mr. Pennington was also a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference.

'58 Grad Heads Alumni Association

Raymond A. Miller '58 was elected President of the Alumni Association at the Annual Meeting Saturday, June 1, 1968. Ray is Dean of Boys at Williamsport High School. The other officers elected to serve with him were Dorothy Long Spotts '32, vice-president; Rosemary Cheattle '59, corresponding secretary; Rebecca Waltz Probst '58, recording secretary; Francis J. Tripoli '63, treasurer.

Brian A. Fetterman '54 was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term and Logan A. Richmond '54 was elected to fill a two-year unexpired term. Mary Ann Fornalik '68 was named by her classmates to serve as Class Representative to the Executive Board for one year. Herb Kane '60 remains on the board as the last retiring president.

Robert Griggs '50, newly elected alumni representative to the College Board of Directors joined Dorothy Patton Knights '36 and T. Sherman Stanford '32, who continue to represent the Alumni on the College Board for one and two years respectively.

Other Alumni elected to serve a three-year term were:

Dr. Willis W. Willard, III '58
Miss Nellie F. Gorgas '55
Mrs. Joanne Gerber Lamade '42
Mr. Robert J. Sarno '63
Mr. E. Larue Lunt '56
Mrs. Kathryn Lannert Leinbach '32
Mr. Richard C. Haas '55

Raymond A. Miller '58

President Wertz welcomes Miss Grace J. Tomb '15 into the President's Cabinet. Dr. Wertz presented her with a certificate and a token of appreciation at the Alumni Banquet at which time other members of the President's Cabinet and Dean's List were recognized.

Speaking on the topic "The National Lottery of 1968," Dr. George D. Wolf '45 was of great interest to those attending the Alumni Banquet. He showed a keen understanding of the political picture in this unpredictable election year.

Seated Left to Right—Carol Freeman Beemer, Melinda Alford Squire, Kathy Baldwin, Walter Edmonds, Constance Byrd and Steve Smith. Standing Left to Right—Ron Weber, David E. Shire, Allen Cease and Betsy Cook — Class of 1967.

This is the way the Class of 1918 looked at their 50th reunion on June 1st as they sat on the patio of the Academic Center. (The faculty office wing is shown as it nears completion). Ladies L. to R.: Elma Clark Upperman, Grace Myers Kohler, Jane Bradley Corrigan, Carrie Smith Frailey and Sara Gould Watts. Men L. to R.: Harry L. Upperman, Keith Robbins, Stanton D. Barclay, and Rev. Charles Bollinger.

The annual alumni-faculty golf tournament held the afternoon prior to Alumni Day included Elizabeth Rich Bell '28 (left) and Nina Cummings Lofgren '33. Mrs. Lofgren was awarded a prize for low net score using the Calloway system.

Mrs. Frank C. Laubach stood with President Wertz as she was cited "Outstanding Alumna of 1968." The citation read in part:

". . . Born to Charles and Phoebee Pennington Seely on December 25, 1882, in the little town of Fairmount Springs near Benton, Pennsylvania, you were destined to claim the whole world as your home . . . In the course of time, you found your way to Williamsport where you were graduated from the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in 1903. This is your 65th Reunion year! . . . In 1912, you married Frank Charles Laubach, starting your work in the Philippines in 1915. After the war, you became "Missionaries at Large." . . . This allowed you and your husband to travel around the world promoting the literacy concept which he originated, known as "Each One Teach One." Dr. Frank C. Laubach, with his teams and associates, has worked with government leaders, educators, missionaries, and other concerned citizens in 103 countries, and his unique literacy methods have been adapted to 312 languages. You have shared in all the success of your famous husband and have literally given yourself in the cause of Christ throughout the world . . . All women are challenged to provide the kind of a home atmosphere which will encourage the best that is in husband and family. You have met that challenge in a noble way and with great distinction. The Alumni Association of Lycoming College is honored by your presence here to receive the Outstanding Alumna Award for 1968—wife, mother, missionary, teacher, and humanitarian of world acclaim—Mrs. Frank C. Laubach . . ."

Mrs. Laubach, with her world famous husband, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, and her son Dr. Robert S. Laubach, admires her new Lycoming Chair presented at the Alumni Banquet on June 1st.

After thirteen years as president of Lycoming College Dr. Wertz finally had the unique pleasure of presenting a diploma to a member of his own family. His daughter Donna and son-in-law Norman B Ream, Jr. were both members of the Class of '68.

Annual Alumni Fund Extended Through December

After consideration by the Executive Board of the Alumni Association and the College Administration, the Annual Alumni Fund has now been placed on a calendar year schedule. Previously, the fund campaign had followed the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30.

The campaign will now coincide with the tax year and will make it easier for alumni to remember whether or not they contributed in the current campaign.

All gifts received between July 1, 1967 and December 31, 1968 will be credited to the 1968 Alumni Fund. The 1969 campaign will begin after January 1, 1969. The Annual Fund is an effort on the part of the Alumni to support their alma mater with funds for the operating budget of the college or for specific projects as adopted by the Alumni Executive Board. Capital gifts campaigns, such as the Progress Fund now being conducted, are designed specifically to raise money for buildings, funishing and equipment. Because of the great importance of the Annual Fund, we have continued it during the current Progress Fund Campaign.

The complete report of the 1968 Alumni Fund will be published early

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Mr. Ira A. Tumbleson, acquisitions librarian (left), and Mr. Harold W. Hayden, librarian (center), supervise students who transfer the books from the John W. Long Library into the new library in the Academic Center. The moving of almost 70,000 volumes took place in June.

Mrs. Edith Lipfert and Mr. Grover Seitzer help supervise student workers as they remove books from the John W. Long Library.

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in 1969. There is still time to contribute to the 1968 fund. If you have done so already, an additional contribution could make you a member of the President's Cabinet, the Dean's List or the Century Club.

We salute the Officers and Class of 1968 for initiating a pledge system for the Alumni Fund. Thus far, 49 members of the class have signed 5-year pledges to the Alumni Fund. At their 5th year reunion, they will decide how this money is to be used. We recommend this procedure to other classes. The Alumni Director will be happy to answer any questions concerning the details.

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